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**POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT.**  
**SIMON'S MUSEUM**  
AND  
**WAX WORKS EXHIBITION**  
BEST AMUSEMENTS FOR FAMILIES.  
Admission: 30 Cents.  
Children and Soldiers in Uniform 20 Cents.  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1899. [1349]

**NOTICE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. EDWARD HARVEY HYND has been appointed by the SINGAPORE FREE PRESS COMPANY to act as Editor and Manager of the SINGAPORE FREE PRESS. He will be responsible for the contents of the paper. He will be responsible for the management of the paper. He will be responsible for the business of the paper. He will be responsible for the printing of the paper. He will be responsible for the distribution of the paper. He will be responsible for the sale of the paper. He will be responsible for the collection of the subscription money. He will be responsible for the payment of the printing bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the distribution bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the sale bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the collection bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the subscription bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the printing bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the distribution bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the sale bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the collection bills. He will be responsible for the payment of the subscription bills.

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**CHINESE CLERK.** Must be a good Writer and understand English Well. Address: CLERK, Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 16th May, 1899. [1342]

**WANTED.**  
**A YOUNG ENGLISHMAN** is desirous of obtaining a position as Assistant in a Mercantile or other Firm. Apply to S. W. P. Care of Daily Press, Hongkong, 16th May, 1899. [1348]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, For Account of the Consignor, ON SATURDAY, at the 20th May 1899, at 2.30 P.M., at the Residence of J. W. L. OLIVER, Esq., at No. 2, Canton Villas, Kowloon, SUNDAY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Consisting of—  
DRAWING ROOM SUITE, BEVELED GLASS OVERMANTLES, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, ROSEWOOD CASE, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS, DRESSING TABLES, DINNER SERVICE, DINNER WAGON, VASES, ORNAMENTS, DOUBLE IRON BED, STEADY ELECTRO, ELECTRO PLATED CHINA WARE, CROCKERY, TIENTSIN RUGS, &c., &c., &c.  
On View on FRIDAY, the 19th May. Catalogues can be had on Application. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1899. [1348]

**BANK HOLIDAY.**  
IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undersigned Bank will be CLOSED for the celebration of Public Holiday on MONDAY, 22nd instant (WHIT MONDAY), and on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, the Anniversary of the Birthday of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen.  
For the CHINESE BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.  
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, V. A. C. B. HAWKINS, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong.  
For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager, Hongkong.  
For the MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, JOHN THURBUEN, Manager, Hongkong.  
For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, HONGKONG BRANCH, L. B. LEROUX, Acting Manager, Hongkong.  
For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG, CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager, Hongkong.  
For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, S. CHOH, Agent, Hongkong.  
For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Acting Manager, Hongkong, 16th May, 1899. [1345]

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"YUENSANG".  
Captain P. H. Rolfe, R.N., will be despatched as above, TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at Noon.  
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**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**  
STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.  
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.  
THE Steamship  
"PARRAMATTA".  
Captain A. Symonds, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 27th May, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.  
Silks and Valables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement), will be transhipped to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be covered by BOMBAY.  
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.  
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.  
For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, Hongkong, 16th May, 1899. [1341]

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"SUZANG".  
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.  
Cargo loading and discharge of remaining on board after Noon, the 15th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.  
No Free Transhipment will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 16th May, 1899. [1347]

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.  
THE N.D.L. Steamship  
"BAMBERG".  
Captain Meyer, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.  
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon on Monday.  
Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored as Consignees' risk and expense.  
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. If the 22nd inst., at 3 p.m.  
No Free Transhipment has been effected.  
SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 15th May, 1899. [1345]

**CUTLER, PALMER & CO'S**  
"SPECIAL BLEND" WHISKY.  
Apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong. [1341]

**JOHN WALKER & SONS' KILMARNOCK WHISKY.**  
This World-renowned Fine Old Highland Whisky is shipped by CUTLER, PALMER & CO., and is obtainable in Hongkong of G. C. ANDERSON, No. 13, Praya Central, Hongkong, 26th July, 1897. [1342]

**SQUARE BOTTLE WHISKY.**  
The sale of this good Scotch increases month by month. It is of Superior Quality and of CUTLER, PALMER & CO.'S Selection.  
Sole Agents for it—LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong.

**PROF. H. FRANKEL, SURGEON-CHIROPODIST.**  
UNDERTAKES to extract roots, and to cure warts, bunions, and ingrowing toenails. Terms moderate.  
Address: 54-56, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, 1st May 1899. [1318]

**PORTLAND CEMENT.**  
J. B. WHITE & SONS.  
Sole Agents for CHINA, HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Hongkong, 11th April, 1898. [1339]

**BISMARCK & CO.**  
SHIP CHANDLERS, PROVISION, AND COAL MERCHANTS, have for sale Points of all kinds, English, Oil, and Japanese Coal. Just received a shipment of Russian hemp, tarred ropes 1" to 5". Moet & Chandon dry Champagne, pilsener and quarts, \$50 per case; also Louis Roderich extra dry Champagne, pilsener and quarts, \$42 per case. Sole agents for DREW & CO.'s Kiel Imperial and Lager beer.  
HONGKONG, 15th April, 1899. [1340]

**PHOTOGRAPHY.**  
NEW FIRST-CLASS STUDIO.  
MR. YERA has the pleasure to announce that, owing to the great increase in his business, he has his Studio in Arsenal Street, low small, and has now opened in addition there a new one in Desford Street, fitted with ALL THE NEWEST AND VERY BEST APPLIANCES.  
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**INSURANCES.**  
**THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.**  
A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE of over twenty years standing, and one of the oldest and wealthiest institutions in the world. Funds exceed Eight Millions. Bonuses over One Million.  
For all Particulars, &c., apply to DOWDALL & CO., LIMITED, Agents, Hongkong, 9th August, 1898. [1-1384]

**AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AACHEN-CHAPELLE.**  
THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.  
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [178]

**TUNG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
No. 2, BOND STREET, WEST.  
Subscribed Capital: \$1,000,000.  
Directors: LEUNG PU-CHIE, Esq., Chairman; LO KUN-ZING, Esq.; LAO CHUN-CHING, Esq.; YUNG YET-TUNG, Esq.; KO YIK-KU, Esq.; YUEN LAI-CHUEN, Esq.; WONG SHU-SAM, Esq.; CHENG MAO-KU, Esq.; CHAN FO-TUNG, Esq.; TAM HOK-PO, Esq.; TONG TZE-SAU, Esq.; Chief Secretary; LEE YAN-KAI, Esq.; Assistant Secretary.  
This Company is prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates, also has MONEY TO LOAN on Mortgage.  
TONG TZE-SAU, Chief Secretary, Hongkong, 15th May, 1899. [1345]

**SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON.**  
FOUNDED 1710.  
The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.  
SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 14th May, 1899. [1343]

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**  
The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.  
SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 29th May, 1898. [124]

**TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**  
The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.  
SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 16th November, 1897. [123]

**PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.**  
The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.  
DOUGLAS LA FRAKE & CO., Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office, Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. [125]

**HANSEATIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**  
The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.  
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**CHAMPAGNES.**  
B & F PERDUE, PAUL DOMERGUE & CO., C. H. DARGONNE & CO., TROU & CO., GASTAL & CO., LAMON PERE & FILS, PIERRE HEIDENREICH, Gold foil, DOYLE & CO. (very dry), KRUG & CO. Private Cuvée, BOLLINGER & CO. Extra Quality, MOUIS RODERICH, Gual via Soc. FO AMERY and GERNO, ACHREMAN-LATRANCE, SAUMUR, LOUIS RENAUD (white seal), DUC DE VERDOME (cup).  
SOLE AGENTS, CALDECK, MACGREGOR & CO., WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, 15, Queen's Road, Hongkong. [1338]

**CUTLER, PALMER & CO.**  
Have been Shippers to CHINA for nearly 75 years. Their Brands are favorably known all over the World.  
A1 QUALITY COGNAC. Distinguished by 4 Stars on the label. Price \$22.50 per 1 dozen bottles.  
VERY GOOD COGNAC. Somewhat younger than the above. Distinguished by 3 Stars on the label. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.  
"PALL MALL" WHISKY. Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analyst's certificate. The quality is guaranteed. Price \$20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.  
C. P. & CO'S OWN SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY. In Patent Bottles. Price \$10.75 per 1 dozen bottles.  
CHAMPAGNE BRUT. A Natural, i.e., a Brut, Sparkling Wine, of the Vintage 1898, particularly suitable to the localities. The price is but \$28.50 per one doz. quart bottles.  
Agents—SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong. [1340]

**INVALIDS' PORT.**  
This Wine is old, soft, and delicate. We strongly recommend it. Analyzed and Certified by Professor Cassal. Price \$20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.  
DOURO PORT. This is a fine quality Wine of exceptionally good value. Price \$14.95 per 1 dozen bottles.  
SHERRIES. AMOROSO. The Real Misa's shipping. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.  
LA TORRE. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles. Pure and natural Wine, a tonic.  
CLARETS. In Quarts and Pints.  
LIQUEUR. BENEDICTINE, D.O.M. Price \$39.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

**THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.**  
AERATED WATERS.  
SIMPLE AERATED WATER, SODA WATER, LEMONADE, RASPBERRY FLAVOUR, LITHIA WATER, LEMON SQUASH, &c.  
OUR WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly-qualified English Chemist, and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures. Special terms to Hotels, Clubs, Messes, and other Large Consumers. Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.  
JUST LANDED.  
HIGH-CLASS CIGARS. COMPANIA GENERAL DE TOBACOS DE FILIPINAS. INCOMPARABLES, IMPERIALS, FAVORITOS, LOPEZ, WINDSOR, PRINCESAS, REGALIA A. LOPEZ, LONDRES.  
ALHAMBRA. REGALIA ALHAMBRA, PERLAS ALHAMBRA, LONDRES.  
REINA VICTORIA. HIGH LIFE. Apply to GIRAULT, 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [1331]

**MOET & CHANDON'S "DRY IMPERIAL" VINTAGE, 1898.**  
Per Case Quarts: \$47.00  
Pints: 49.00

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On the 15th May, at the Park Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, M.A., FRSGS, Canon of St. Paul's, London, and Licentiate of the Diocese of London, the marriage of Miss M. A. Watson, daughter of Colonel R. A. Watson, to Mr. J. S. Watson, was solemnized.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, May 16th, 1899.

LOCAL doctors are divided in opinion as to the means by which the plague bacillus gains access to the human system, one party holding that infection is contracted through the digestive tract and the other that the poison enters through abrasions of the skin. Now comes a French doctor and tells us that fleas are the chief medium by which the disease is propagated. We have seen it suggested before that infection by fleas was possible, but now we have the theory set out in detail and supported by experiment. Dr. Simon, a member of the French colonial medical service, was sent to India to investigate the plague and he has published his conclusions in the *Annales de l'Institut Pasteur*. It has always been observed that where plague has appeared it has been ushered in by a great mortality amongst rats. The discovery of the bacillus, we are told, enabled Dr. Yersin to establish that rats and human beings succumbed to one and the same affection. Still, however, the mechanism of the contagion from rat to man, from man to man, and from man to rat remained unknown. It was supposed that the rat became infected through the digestive tract, by ending plague matter from human beings or the bodies of other rats that had died of plague. Dr. Simon, however, said that ordinarily one cannot succeed in infecting the rat, the monkey, or the squirrel by the ingestion of plague cultures or products, while inoculation with a trace of the virus suffices to give them the disease. Hence Dr. Simon was led to enquire if there was not a natural organ capable of introducing the bacillus directly into the healthy skin, and after much experimental research he concluded that there was such an agent and that it was the flea. In a healthy state the rat is not troubled with fleas, as it rids itself of them with great ease, but at a late stage of the plague it is generally covered with them. The fleas, gorged with the blood of the diseased rat, preserve for a certain time the bacillus of the plague in their digestive tract, and the inoculation of a rat with the contents of their intestines produces the disease. Healthy rats or mice may be safely left in contact with plague stricken rats or their bodies if these have been cleared of fleas, but in the contrary case they contract the disease even though a grating keeps them from direct contact with the diseased animals. In the light of this etiology Dr. Simon reports a certain number of facts of a clinical order the interpretation of which was formerly almost impossible. The *Plague proteo* noticed as a frequent symptom in plague, marks the point of entrance of the bacillus, and it is always situated about the bites of fleas. It was known that the handling of rats dead of the plague was sometimes dangerous and sometimes innocuous; it is now explained that the danger exists

when the death is recent and the body covered with fleas; it is innocuous, on the other hand, when the animal has been dead so long that the fleas have left it. The mechanism of the transmission of the plague being thus established, Dr. Simon deduces therefrom rational rules of prophylaxis against the disease, and these rules, we are told, have proved completely efficacious in all cases in which they have been applied. Here the summary from which we quote breaks off and we are left in ignorance of what these rational rules are. The theory advanced as to the manner of infection seems plausible to a lay mind; whether it will prove convincing to the doctors who have held that the disease enters by the digestive tract remains to be seen. Assuming it to be correct, however, the practical question is, how are fleas to be got rid of? It may be noted as at least a suggestive coincidence that the disease makes its appearance in this part of the world about the time of the year that the fleas become active and when all animals swear with them.

The Italian chartered transport *San Gennaro* arrived yesterday from Naples with supplies and details for the Italian squadron in the Far East.

It is stated in the *Malay Mail* that Sir Charles Mitchell is expected to visit Bangkok in November, but so far as is known the Colonial Secretary there is no truth in the announcement.—*Strait Times*.

Freedom (Hawaii) says: "The local band now work under the current which I have accepted by merchants the same as gold." Does this forebode the adoption of the gold standard for the Philippines?

The army value of the coin and bullion received in the mints at Calcutta and Bombay during February last was Rs. 8,461,000. Of this sum Rs. 6,191,000 represent bullion received for the coinage of British India.

A Vancouver dispatch which has reached Tokyo states that the Italian cruiser *Piemonte*, which proceeded to South America in 1906 in connection with the treaty with the State of Colombia, is on her way to China, via Honolulu and Japan.

M. J. Hux, of the staff of the *Figaro*, arrived from Hongkong yesterday by the *Hut*. Mr. Hux has visited the Far East on two previous occasions, once sixteen years ago and again ten years ago. On his present tour he has visited Siam, where he had an interview with the King and Queen, and then he went to Cebu, Manila, and Tokyo. From Hongkong he goes on to Peking to report to his paper on the great Chinese question.

Freedom (Manila) says:—Recently while Sergeant Wilson and Hill with a detail were clearing out some secluded nooks of the Andra street police station they found a hole in the wall which had been closed with stones and covered with a piece of cloth. On removing these stones they found a hole in the wall, and in the hole they found a small box containing a number of small bones, and in the bones they found a small box containing a number of small bones, and in the bones they found a small box containing a number of small bones.

Referring to the Yokohama race meeting, which was to begin on the 8th May, the *Japan Herald* says it should be at least memorable for one thing, viz., that this will be the last occasion on which a race meeting will be held in the city. The race meeting was to be held on the 8th May, and the *Japan Herald* says it should be at least memorable for one thing, viz., that this will be the last occasion on which a race meeting will be held in the city.

Referring to the death of a Japanese doctor in Hongkong, the *Japan Herald* says:—Some doubts have been expressed, according to a contemporary, regarding the genuineness of the inoculation matter used. We should rather be inclined to doubt the effect of inoculation in plague and hydrophobia. As regards the latter disease, every patient proved to have been bitten by a rat dog and treated on the inoculation principle appears to succeed.

A Malay fisherman came by his death in a strange way at Tanjong Katong (Pangang) the other day. He was fishing in a boat when a shark or spear-fish, a foot and a quarter long, thereabout, came along and struck the fisherman on the head with its snout on his chest, right over the heart, inflicting a wound about the size of a ten-cent piece. The poor man gave one yell and sank. The shark then came up and ate the fisherman's body. The body was found floating in the water. The shark was killed and its body was found to be full of the fisherman's organs.

From Tonkin papers we learn that the Société des Houillères de Tonkin has been re-constituted under the name of Société des Houillères de Tonkin. The capital of the company is 3,500,000 francs. The major portion of the capital has been subscribed by the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, the Société Générale de Paris, the Crédit Lyonnais, and the Banque de l'Indo-Chine. The balance has been supplied by M. Pils and a Lyons Syndicate. The direction will be in France, and all the above named banks will be represented on the Board.

## [FROM TONKIN PAPERS.] THE FRENCH MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Paris, 6th May. M. Goupy put a question in the Chamber yesterday concerning the suspension of M. Duruy's historical lectures at the Ecole Polytechnique. M. de Freycinet, Minister of War, replied that the course was suspended by the Commandant of the School in the interest of good order, because the students had spat upon M. Duruy, who had written a revolutionary article. The Radicals strongly protested and presented M. de Freycinet during his speech. M. de Freycinet refused in the morning, notwithstanding the request of his colleagues not to do so.

M. Krantz has been appointed Minister of War, and Senator Monastier Minister of Public Works.

Paris, 9th May. In the Chamber M. Duruy, replying to a question, stated that the resignation of M. de Freycinet was due solely to Friday's incident. He asked for the order of the day pure and simple, which was adopted by 444 votes to 87.

## [FROM MANILA PAPERS.] ILLNESS OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

Washington, 9th May. For some time past President McKinley has been suffering severely from rheumatism and recently has become so much worse that the doctors have become uneasy as to his condition and have ordered him to visit the thermal springs of Arden and to undergo a special course of treatment. President McKinley accordingly left for Arden yesterday, where he will remain for a month.

## SUPREME COURT.

15th May.

## IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

Before His Hon. W. M. GOODMAN (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE), with CONNOR, Esq., M.A., and HASTINGS, Esq., B.N., Nautical Assessors.

## WING LIEUT. G. V. CALHOUN.

His Lordship delivered the following judgment:—

This is a suit brought by the owner of the fishing junk *Kwong Loong Tai*, No. 3340, against the Commandant of H.M.S. *Hermione*, claiming damages for the loss of the plaintiff's junk, occasioned by a collision between the *Hermione* and the junk which occurred on the 21st March, 1899, on the high seas, off the coast of China. The plaintiff also claims damages for the loss of his wife, his two sons, aged respectively 10 and 12 years, and his daughter, aged 8 years, who were, unfortunately, drowned by the capsizing of the junk, which was lost owing to the collision.

At the time of this collision, H.M.S. *Hermione* was on her way from Hongkong to Hongkong, and according to the defendant's preliminary report, was about 70 miles from Hongkong in a north-easterly direction. The night was dark and very dark, as no moon or stars were visible. The defendant gives the direction of the wind as about S.W. while the plaintiff says it was E.S.E. but, in any case, it was very light, not exceeding four knots. The *Hermione* was steering South, 62 degrees West, and going at a speed of 10 knots an hour, 12 knots being her ordinary economical speed, and 18 knots her full speed. The *Kwong Loong Tai* was steering North, 10 degrees East, and going at a speed of 30 feet above the water. The lights were clear light. According to the plaintiff's statement, the *Kwong Loong Tai* was about 30 or 40 yards distant from one point on the starboard bow, when the collision was inevitable although the engines were stopped as averted, and the *Kwong Loong Tai* was a few seconds before the collision and all that could be done was to avoid striking the junk.

As regards the damage to the *Kwong Loong Tai*, the plaintiff's statement is that the junk was a licensed fishing junk about twenty-five feet in length and of a little over a thousand tons capacity. She had full Chinese crew and was on her way from Hongkong to Hongkong. The plaintiff's statement is that the junk was a licensed fishing junk about twenty-five feet in length and of a little over a thousand tons capacity. She had full Chinese crew and was on her way from Hongkong to Hongkong.

Of these, three, namely, the plaintiff and two of the seamen named respectively Cheung-tai Kwong and Chan Yau-tai, were picked up by the *Hermione*'s boats, while the wife and daughter of the plaintiff's younger brother were picked up by the consort junk. The rest of the occupants of the junk appear to have been drowned.

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I have asked the opinion of my nautical assessors as to whether, in such circumstances, it would have been more prudent to have slackened the speed of the *Hermione* to less than ten knots until she had got clear of the fishing fleet and surrounding junks. He informs me that he considers it would have been more prudent to have slackened the speed of the *Hermione* to less than ten knots until she had got clear of the fishing fleet and surrounding junks.

In all the circumstances I hold, therefore, that the *Hermione* is to blame for this collision and that the plaintiff is entitled as regards the first item of claim in the way of having an account taken of his damages in the usual way.

As regards the second item of claim, namely, the loss of the plaintiff's wife, his two sons, and his daughter, the plaintiff's statement is that the *Kwong Loong Tai* was a licensed fishing junk about twenty-five feet in length and of a little over a thousand tons capacity. She had full Chinese crew and was on her way from Hongkong to Hongkong.

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## AFFAIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

## FEARED RENEWAL OF THE DISTURBANCE.

## MORE TROOPS LEAVE.

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## FILIPINO GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

Latest news from the Philippine headquarters is that Agronimo has been dismissed from his post as Governor of the province of Iloilo. He was replaced by a more moderate and liberal-minded man, to form a new ministry.

It is considered to show that the anti-American feeling is weaker than it was, and the Americans are losing the sympathy of the natives. The chief point of the rebel army is concentrating towards Cabanatuan, with the idea of taking refuge in the Iloga hills.

Nothing can stop the split between General Luna and Mascardo. The American river boats, which cleared the Bagbag River, are now being used to transport a large number of troops to the Bagbag River.

As present certain "spheres of influence" may be said to exist. Mascardo rules on the left of the railroad, this is between the coast and the sea, and controls the important town of Bagbag. Luna rules on the right of the railroad, this is between the coast and the sea, and controls the important town of Bagbag.

## THE GERMAN IN SHANTUNG.

The *Onatopole* (Hankow) received on the 9th May the following telegram from the German Government:—We have received the N. C. Daily News translation:—

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## A RUSSIAN MINING VENTURE AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

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**PUBLIC COMPANIES**

**GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

SOME SHAREHOLDERS not having applied for the PREPARED SHARES to which they are entitled, the surplus will be allotted to existing shareholders in proportion to the number of Shares held by them, if applied for on or before 15th instant.

LUTGENS, EINSMANN & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, 10th May, 1899. (1309)

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**

THE FINAL DIVIDEND for the year 1898, at the rate of Sixty Cents per Share (or Six per Cent on the Capital of the Company, making Eleven per Cent for the year) is PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after the date, the 9th May, 1899, on Warrants to be obtained from the undersigned. Local Shareholders are requested to apply at the Company's Office for their Warrants.

The Dividend is also payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, on presentation of Warrants there on and after the same date.

A. H. MANCER, Secretary, Hongkong, 9th May, 1899. (1298)

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

AN INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per Cent on contributions for the year 1898 has been declared.

WARRANTS will be issued on the 1st May by Order of the Board.

DOUGLAS JONES, Secretary, Hongkong, 26th April, 1899. (1112)

**OLIVERS FRIEDLAND MINES, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL of \$1.00 per Share has been made in respect of the "B" Shares in the above named Company, and that such CALL is PAYABLE to the General Managers, on the 6th day of July next, at the Office of the Company, 39 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREY & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 4th May, 1899. (1249)

**THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE.**

A CERTIFICATE for 100 Shares numbered 163721 to 163731 standing in the name of the late Mrs. ELLEN KARELL BROWN having been LOST, notice is hereby given that a duplicate Certificate for the said 100 Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificate unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHIHWAN TUMBS & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 4th May, 1899. (1250)

**NOTICE.**

THE CERTIFICATES for 40 Shares numbered 81598/103, 81599/103, 81600/103, 81601/103, 81602/103, 81603/103, 81604/103, 81605/103, 81606/103, 81607/103, 81608/103, 81609/103, 81610/103, 81611/103, 81612/103, 81613/103, 81614/103, 81615/103, 81616/103, 81617/103, 81618/103, 81619/103, 81620/103, 81621/103, 81622/103, 81623/103, 81624/103, 81625/103, 81626/103, 81627/103, 81628/103, 81629/103, 81630/103, 81631/103, 81632/103, 81633/103, 81634/103, 81635/103, 81636/103, 81637/103, 81638/103, 81639/103, 81640/103, 81641/103, 81642/103, 81643/103, 81644/103, 81645/103, 81646/103, 81647/103, 81648/103, 81649/103, 81650/103, 81651/103, 81652/103, 81653/103, 81654/103, 81655/103, 81656/103, 81657/103, 81658/103, 81659/103, 81660/103, 81661/103, 81662/103, 81663/103, 81664/103, 81665/103, 81666/103, 81667/103, 81668/103, 81669/103, 81670/103, 81671/103, 81672/103, 81673/103, 81674/103, 81675/103, 81676/103, 81677/103, 81678/103, 81679/103, 81680/103, 81681/103, 81682/103, 81683/103, 81684/103, 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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBROUGH,  
LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the a.s. *Clack* are hereby informed that the steamer left Singapore on the 10th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 12th inst.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on your intimation requesting it to be landed in lots by the undersigned by Noon, on the 13th May.

McGREGOR BROS. & CO. V.  
Hongkong, 12th May, 1899.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL  
THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK"

having arrived from Shanghai ports, Consignees of cargo, a heavy cargo, will be landed in lots at their risk into the Godown of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf.

may be obtained.  
No claims will be admitted after the  
have left the Godowns, and all claims must  
sent in to the office of the undersigned  
NOON on the 17th instant, or they will not  
be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods to be left in the Godowns, where they were examined on the 17th instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected on any goods remaining in the Godowns after 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

Optional Goods will be made.  
Instructions are given to the contrary  
TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned  
HOLLIDAY, WISE &  
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1899.

UNITED STATES & CHINA-JA  
STEAMSHIP LINE.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRA  
THE Steamship

"INDRAPURA"  
having arrived from the above ports, Calcutta

Instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

til 4 P.M. Packages  
P.M. same  
for damages and/or shortages not la  
the 26th instant, otherwise they will  
recognised.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. Agents.

**AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES**

**FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT  
OF GENOA, AND OTHER PORTS.**

informed that their goods are being  
their risk into the Godowns of the

whomsoever delivery may be obtained.  
This vessel brings Cargo —  
From Trieste, ex s.s. *Inaparetria*,  
at Bombay.  
From Venice, ex s.s. *Massimiliano*  
*Carlotta*, transhipped at Trieste.  
Optional Cargo will be discharged  
notice to the contrary be given immediately.  
No claims will be admitted after  
have left the Godowns, and all claims  
sent in to the office of the underwriting

June 6, Goods remaining in the Godowns at May will be subject to rent.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.  
(Florio and Rubattino United Co.)

COPTIC" N FRAN. THE Steamship

having arrived from the above ports of Cargo by her are hereby informed that goods are being landed at their respective Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon and Godown Co., Limited, where may be obtained. Perishable Goods

obtained from the Godown Com  
ten days after the vessel's arriva  
which no claims will be recognised

No Fire Insurance has been effected for Goods remaining in the Godowns as at May, 1899, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

CARLOWIT  
Agent

Hongkong, 10th May, 1899.

NOTICE TO CONSIGN

**T**HE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "CHUSAN," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO STRAITS.

the day pro-

consignment will be sorted out, and delivery can be obtained as goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From London, ex s.s. *Himalaya*  
From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. *Indus*  
From S. S. N. Co's steamer

Optional Goods will be landed  
instructions are given to the  
LAW TODAY

Goods not cleared by the  
4 P.M. will be subject to rant.  
No Fire Insurance will be off  
any case whatever.

All damaged packages must  
Godowns and a certificate of the  
tained from the Godown Company  
days after the vessel's arrival he  
no claims will be recognised.

LY supplying Hongkong, 11th May, 1899.

**W. & CO.,**  
**BOAT COMPANY.**  
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